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California Coastal Conservancy
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Re: Sonoma Land Trust Grant Request for Cuffey Cove Property Feasibility Study

Dear Deborah;

Coastwalk supports the grant request of the Sonoma Land Trust to the Coastal Conservancy for an appraisal and trail feasibility study of the Cuffey's Cove property in Mendocino County.

We believe this study will be an important step to establish a large section of the California Coastal Trail west of Highway One, that might include a lookout trail on Cuffey's Point; an eastern trail corridor into the town of Elk; and provide public access to a cove beach along that stretch of the coast.

It would be very exciting to add several miles of the California Coastal Trail along this 4-mile stretch of the Mendocino coastline. The views from the property are spectacular, and it would be wonderful for the public to enjoy them off-road – safely. This could ultimately lead to a loop trail for the residents and the visiting public to Elk and Greenwood State Beach.

We strongly support the Sonoma Land Trust proposal to conduct this trail feasibility study and encourage the Board of the Coastal Conservancy to approve this grant.

Sincerely,

W. Michael Lee
Executive Director

Cc: Amy Chestnut, Acquisitions Director, Sonoma Land Trust